

d) REMARKS

The claims are 1-11, 28-34 and 39-44 with claims 1, 28 and 39 being independent. This application is a division of parent Application No. 09/294,367. Claims 1-11, 28-34 and 39-44 were cancelled from the parent application as nonelected as a result of a restriction requirement and are being prosecuted herein.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are found in the filewrapper of the parent application. The concise relevance for the non-English documents is found in the abstract attached to each and in the specification, if cited therein.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating such information has been considered.

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